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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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OR92-533

Dear Mr. McAndrews:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 16963.

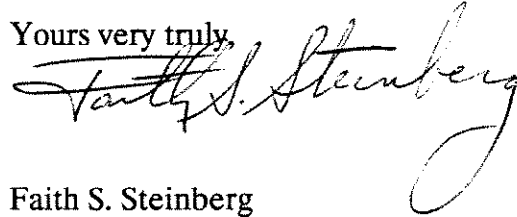
The Medina Valley Independent School District (the "district") received an open records request for a copy of, *inter alia*, "a comprehensive list of all members of employee organizations who are currently on payroll deduction and the amount deducted per pay." You contend that this information may be withheld pursuant to sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(2) of the Open Records Act.

A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 545 (1990) (copy enclosed), resolves your request. The requested information reflects the personal financial decision of the district's employees to have professional dues withdrawn from their paycheck and thus comes under the protection of common-law privacy. For this reason, the district may withhold the requested information pursuant to section 3(a)(2), which protects "information in personnel files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-533.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Faith S. Steinberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Faith S. Steinberg
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Opinion Committee

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Ref.: ID# 16963
ID# 17153

Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 545

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